

Qabalistic Correspondences of the Practicus Grade

Hod; Water (Mem); the 31st (Shin) and 30th (Resh) Paths

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HOD (The Glory: Mercury)

HEBREW & ENGLISH NAME: HVD, (הוד) *Hod*, “splendor;” literally, according to Gesenius, “majesty,” as in the majesty of God, and sometimes of kings and princes; also “splendor,” “freshness,” “beauty.”

GOD-NAME IN ASSIAH: ALHIM TzBAVTh, (אלהים תצבאות) *Elohim Tzabaoth*, “Elohim of Hosts.” A Name of the Demiurge expressed in multiplicity and positive action (Hosts).

THE HEAVENS OF ASSIAH: KVKB, (קכב) *Kokab*, the Sphere of Mercury; literally, “a star;” whence the verb usage, “to sparkle like a star.” Apparently alludes both to the appearance of Mercury in the sky, and to the Vision of Splendor and associated phenomena surrounding the initiate of this grade.

MYSTIC #: 36

ELEMENT: Water (the reflecting quality of thought).

PATHS OF SEPHER YETZIRAH: Absolute or Perfect Consciousness, because it is the mean of the primordial, which has no root by which it can cleave, nor rest, except in the hidden places of Gedulah (Magnificence, Chesed), from which emanates its own proper essence.

TAROT ATTRIBUTIONS: The 4 Eights.

KING COLOR SCALE: Violet Purple.

QUEEN COLOR SCALE: Orange: Tiphareth and Geburah mingled.

EMPEROR COLOR SCALE: Red-russet.

EMPRESS COLOR SCALE: Yellowish brown, flecked white: This is a mystery of Mercury, improper to indicate clearly.

SELECTION OF EGYPTIAN GODS: Anubis: a lower form of Thoth or Mercury.

GREEK GODS: Hermes.

ROMAN GODS: Mercury: God of Thought.

ANIMALS, REAL & IMAGINARY:

Hermaphrodite as representing the dual nature of Mercury.

Jackal: sacred to Anubis.

Twin Serpents: representing the Mercurial double current as on the Caduceus.

Monokeros de Astris (Unicorn of the Stars): The symbolic title of the Practicus. It is the swiftness of motion which chiefly warrants the attribution. See Liber LXV, III:2. It combines the masculine and feminine element. Observe the white color, the silver collar, and its inscription, Linea Viridis Gyrat Universa, which refers to Venus as containing the Universe.

PLANTS, REAL & IMAGINARY:

Moly: mentioned by Homer as having been given by Hermes to Ulysses to counteract the spells of Circe; it has a black root and white blossom, which again suggests the dual currents of energy.

Anhalonium Lewinii one of its principal characteristics is the power to produce very varied and brilliant color visions.

PRECIOUS STONES:

Opal, especially Fire Opal: has the varied colors attributed to Mercury.

Carnelian: for its color.

MAGICAL WEAPONS:

The Names and Versicles: Mercurial; they expand the Logos, explain it in three-dimensional, i.e. material, terms, just as the number 8 is a three-dimensional expansion of the number 2.

Apron: conceals the Splendor of the magician also explains that splendor by virtue of its symbolic design.

PERFUMES: Storax: chiefly Mercurial on account of its nondescript nature; it is really less valuable as a perfume itself than as a menstruum for other perfumes, in the same way as Mercury is the basis of amalgams; but Storax is really too dark and heavy to be a really adequate perfume for Hod.

VEGETABLE DRUGS: Cannabis Indica and Anhalonium Lewinii: Appear to act on both Netzach and Hod. Their action is very similar: they produce in one mood voluptuous visions which pertain to Venus, and in another confer the power of self-analysis which is Mercurial.

MAGICAL POWERS: The Vision of Splendor (Ezekiel).

FIGURES RELATED TO PURE #: Octagon, Octagram.

VIRTUE: Truthfulness

VICE: Falsehood; Dishonesty.

PARTS OF THE SOUL: Part of RVCh.

ARCHANGEL OF ASSIAH: RPAL, (ⲓⲛⲁⲗ) *Raphael*, "Healing of God."

ANGELS OF ASSIAH: BNI ALHIM, (ⲃⲛⲓ ⲁⲗⲏⲙ) *Beni Elohim*, Sons of God.

THE SOUL (HINDU): Prana.

MAGICAL IMAGE: Hermaphrodite; cf. Levi's Baphomet.

TYPICAL DISEASES: Nerve Troubles.

MAGICAL FORMULAE: BAPHOMET.

MEM (Water)

HEBREW & ENGLISH NAME: MIM, (ⲙⲓⲙ) *Mem (or Maim)*, "water" ("The Secret is Hidden between the Waters that are above and the Waters that are beneath"). Water, the universal symbol of inner levels of consciousness. Etymologically and ontogenetically, "M" has a cross cultural affinity with maternity and the sea, including "matter" and the more subtle "matrix" of manifestation. The sound "M" is reminiscent of hushed, running water. Water suggests reflection, silence.

The shape of the letter suggests a wave; a breaker by its initial or medial form, and still water by its final form. In this single case, the actual meaning of the word is identical with the Yetziratic attribution of the letter.

GOD-NAME IN ASSIAH: AL (ⲁⲗ), because of its attribution to Chesed, the Sephirah of Water.

THE HEAVENS OF ASSIAH: MIM, (ⲙⲓⲙ) *Mem*, "water."

MYSTIC #: 276

ELEMENT: Water (cold and moist)

TREE OF LIFE: Joins Geburah to Hod. The suspension of the mind. Left pillar = maternal and formative principles. Reversal of perspective following Tiphareth experience.

PATHS OF SEPHER YETZIRAH: Stable Consciousness (QIIM, קיימ "enduring"), because it has the virtue of consistency among all the Sephiroth.

TAROT ATTRIBUTIONS:

The Hanged Man.

All Cups.

The 4 Queens.

KING COLOR SCALE: Deep blue: passivity of Water.

QUEEN COLOR SCALE: Sea green.

EMPEROR COLOR SCALE: Deep olive green.

EMPRESS COLOR SCALE: White, flecked purple, like mother-of-pearl: the perfection of Water is indicated by its iridescence; this is the alchemical symbolism.

SELECTION OF EGYPTIAN GODS:

Tum: the Sun descending into the ocean.

Ptah: as the Mummy; compare Key 12.

Auramoht: Goddess of Water.

Hathoor: Goddess of Pleasure.

Asar: as Hanged Man

Hekar, Isis.

GREEK GODS: Poseidon: God of Water.

ROMAN GODS:

Neptune: God of Water.

Rhea: Goddess who flows.

ANIMALS, REAL & IMAGINARY: Eagle-snake-scorpion: Kerub of Water.

PLANTS, REAL & IMAGINARY: Lotus: the traditional plant of Water. Its roots are in water and its purity further suggests the action of water in lustration. All water plants.

PRECIOUS STONES:

Beryl: the pure transparent blue of Water.

Aquamarine.

MAGICAL WEAPONS:

The Cup: the traditional elemental weapon of Water.

The Cross of Suffering: refers to the original emblem of the Hermetic order of the Golden Dawn, where the triangle was surmounted by a six-squared or Calvary Cross.

The Wine: fills the Sacramental Cup. It is the divine ecstasy entering the receptive part of the nature of the magician.

The Water of Lustration: in the Cup of the Purifier; balances the Fire in the Censer of the Consecrator.

PERFUMES:

Onycha: represents Water in the incense of Moses. It is now very difficult to obtain. Its origin is somehow connected with certain shellfish.

Myrrh: traditionally the odor of sorrow and bitterness.

VEGETABLE DRUGS:

Cascara.

All purges.

MAGICAL POWERS:

The Great Work.

Talismans.

Crystal-gazing, etc.

LETTERS OF TETRAGRAMMATON: Heh.

ELEMENTS & SENSES: Water, Taste.

4 RIVERS: NIHVN, Nihon.

4 QUARTERS: MA'aRB, West.

SUPREME ELEMENTAL KING: Thahebyobeaatan.

ARCHANGEL OF THE QUARTER: GBRIAL, (⋄⋄⋄⋄) Gabriel, "Strong One of God."

RULER OF THE ELEMENTS: ThRShIM

ANGEL OF THE ELEMENTS: MLIHD.

KING OF THE ELEMENTAL SPIRITS: Niksa.

4 WORLDS: Briah, Creative World.

PARTS OF THE SOUL: NShMH, Neshamah.

COURT CARDS OF TAROT, WITH SPHERES OF THEIR CELESTIAL DOMINION:

WANDS: The Queen of the Thrones of Flame. 20 Pisces to 20 Aries, includes part of Andromeda.

CUPS: The Queen of the Thrones of the Waters. 20 Gemini to 20 Cancer.

SWORDS: The Queen of the Thrones of Air. 20 Virgo to 20 Libra.

DISKS: The Queen of the Thrones of Earth. 20 Sagittarius to 20 Capricorn.

5 TATWAS: Apas, the Silver Crescent.

NUMBER & TITLE OF TAROT TRUMP: 12. The Spirit of the Mighty Waters

ESOTERIC DESIGN OF TAROT TRUMP: The figure of a hanged or crucified man. From a gallows shaped like the letter Daleth hangs by one foot a young fair man. His other leg forms a cross with the suspending one. His arms, clasped behind his head, form an upright triangle, and this radiates light. His mouth is resolutely closed.

THE HUMAN BODY: Organs of Nutrition.

LEGENDARY ORDERS OF BEINGS: Nymphs & Undines, Nereids, etc.

TYPICAL DISEASES: Chill.

SHIN (Fire)

HEBREW & ENGLISH NAME: ShIN, (שׁן) *Shin*, Tooth (“Resurrection is Hidden in Death”). Plainly exhibits the three fangs of a molar. The suggestion of devouring, eating, or eating into, is given. A tooth is something which rends or breaks down. The sound SH is like that of hissing flame, or a serpent whose fangs shred the fabric of physical form.

Shin is also a glyph of the triple tongue of flame, the letter being referred to the element Fire. The idea of the ternary shown by the three Yods is borne out by the value of the letter, 300; yet, the letter being but one letter, the doctrine of the Trinity is implied, hence its secondary attribution to the element Spirit. It is also a glyph of the god Shu, whose head and arms, separating Seb and Nuit, form the letter. This connects it with the fire of the Last Judgement (Key 20). We may here note that Shu is the God of Air, not Fire; of the firmament that separates Earth and Heaven. That part of the idea of the letter is to establish a link between the ideas of Fire and Air, the two active elements. (There is a similar connection between Maim and Tav: the 12th Atu shows a man hanging from a cross, which is the meaning of Tav.)

GOD-NAME IN ASSIAH: ALHIM: (אלהים) the Name of five letters represents the active but feminine principle, Shakti, of the fiery Sephirah Geburah.

THE HEAVENS OF ASSIAH: ASh, (אש) *Esh*, Fire.

MYSTIC #: 496

ELEMENT: Fire (hot and dry)

TREE OF LIFE: Joins Hod to Malkuth: Impermeability overcome. Disperses rigid structures, demanding their dissolution. Influx of the Magical Current.

PATHS OF SEPHER YETZIRAH: Perpetual Consciousness; because it governs the motions of the Sun and Moon in their proper order, each in an orbit convenient for it.

TAROT ATTRIBUTIONS:

Judgement.

All Wands.

The 4 Knights (i.e., Kings).

KING COLOR SCALE: Glowing orange scarlet: the activity of Fire

QUEEN COLOR SCALE: Vermilion.

EMPEROR COLOR SCALE: Scarlet, flecked gold.

EMPRESS COLOR SCALE: Vermilion, flecked crimson and emerald: Fire, being pure, retains its original vermilion; but it has become capable of being the home of the crimson and emerald of Binah and her sphere of joy, Venus. It is no longer a destructive element, but the proper abode of Love, both in its higher and lower forms.

SELECTION OF EGYPTIAN GODS:

Thoum-aesh-neith: Goddess of Fire.

Mau: the Lion, Sun in the South.

Kabeshunt: Kerub of Fire.

Horus: God of Fire.

Tarpesheth.

GREEK GODS: Hades: God of Fire.

ROMAN GODS: Vulcan, Pluto: Gods of Fire.

ANIMALS, REAL & IMAGINARY: Lion: Kerub of Fire.

PLANTS, REAL & IMAGINARY:

Red Poppy: on account of its color.

Hibiscus: for color.

All scarlet flowers.

Nettle: for its sting or irritant.

PRECIOUS STONES: Fire Opal: suggests the appearance of Fire rising from the blackness of the matter which it consumes.

MAGICAL WEAPONS: The Wand: The Elemental implement of Fire; not to be confused with the Wand of Chokmah or Chesed any more than the Cup of Water is to be mistaken for that of Binah. The Elemental weapons are but vice-regents of the true weapons of the Sephiroth.

The Thurible and Lamp: born by the Consecrator to consecrate the Temple, the Initiates, and the Candidate with Fire.

The Pyramid of Fire: an altogether minor implement, only used in certain ceremonies of uncommon type.

PERFUMES:

Olibanum: the fiery elemental incense of Moses.

All Fiery Odors.

MAGICAL POWERS:

Evocation.

Pyromancy.

FIGURES RELATED TO PURE #: The triangle of fire.

LETTER OF THE NAME: Yod.

ELEMENTS & SENSES: Fire, Sight.

4 RIVERS: PIShVN, Pison.

4 QUARTERS: DRVM, South.

SUPREME ELEMENTAL KING: Ohooohatan.

ARCHANGEL OF THE QUARTER: MIKAL, (מיקאל) Mikhael, "Who is Like Unto God."

RULER OF THE ELEMENTS: ShRP, Seraph.

ANGEL OF THE ELEMENTS: ARAL, Aral.

KING OF THE ELEMENTAL SPIRITS: Djin.

4 WORLDS: ATzILVTh, Atziluth, the Archetypal World.

PARTS OF THE SOUL ChIH, Chiah.

COURT CARDS OF TAROT, WITH SPHERES OF THEIR CELESTIAL DOMINION:

WANDS: The Lord of the Flame & the Lightning. The King of the Spirits of Fire. Rules 20 Scorpio to 20 Sagittarius, including part of Hercules.

CUPS: The Lord of the Waves & the Waters. The King of the Hosts of the Sea. 20 Aquarius to 20 Pisces, including most of Pegasus

WORDS: The Lord of the Winds & the Breezes. The King of the Spirits of Air. 20 Taurus to 20 Gemini

DISKS: The Lord of the Wide & Fertile Land. The King of the Spirits of Earth. 20 Leo to 20 Virgo

5 TATWAS: Agni or Tejas: Red Triangle.

ARCHANGEL OF ASSIAH: Israfel.

NUMBER & TITLE OF TAROT TRUMP: 20. The Spirit of the Primal Fire. (Judgement)

ESOTERIC DESIGN OF TAROT TRUMP: Israfel blowing the Last Trumpet. The dead arising from their tombs. An angel blowing a trumpet,

adorned with a golden banner bearing a white cross. Below a fair youth rises from a sarcophagus in the attitude of the god Shu supporting the Firmament. On his left a fair woman, her arms giving the sign of Water on the breast. On his right a dark man giving the sign of Fire on the forehead.

THE HUMAN BODY: Organs of circulation.

LEGENDARY ORDERS OF BEINGS: Salamanders.

TYPICAL DISEASES: Fever.

SHIN (Spirit)

HEBREW & ENGLISH NAME: (See earlier discussion under Shin, Fire.)

GOD-NAME IN ASSIAH: IHShVH, (יְהֵשׁוּאִה) *Yeheshuah*: due to the formation of the word from Tetragrammaton by the insertion of the letter Shin, thus forming the Pentagram of the five Elements.

THE HEAVENS OF ASSIAH: ATh, (אֶתֶּר) *Eth*, "Essence." Spirit is the Alpha and Omega, or the essence which interpenetrates the other elements; the unformulated reality common to them, by virtue whereof they exist.

MYSTIC #: 496

ELEMENT: Spirit.

TREE OF LIFE: Joins Hod to Malkuth: Impermeability overcome. Disperses rigid structures, demanding their dissolution. Influx of the Magical Current.

PATHS OF SEPHER YETZIRAH: Perpetual Consciousness, because it governs the motions of the Sun and Moon in their proper order, each in an orbit convenient for it.

TAROT ATTRIBUTIONS:

A11 22 Trumps.

In another sense, Key 20.

KING COLOR SCALE: White merging into grey.

QUEEN COLOR SCALE: Deep purple, nearly black.

EMPEROR COLOR SCALE: The seven prismatic colors, the violet being outside.

EMPRESS COLOR SCALE: White, red, yellow, blue, black (the latter outside): Spirit manifests the scale of five colors of the elements Spirit, Fire, Air, Water, Earth in order. Its perfection is to complete itself in the Pentagram.

SELECTION OF EGYPTIAN GODS: Asar: represents Spirit as being the ideal God in the normal man.

GREEK GODS: Iacchus: Spirit; the supreme unity in man reached by ecstasy, when everything else has been winnowed away by the winnowing fan.

ROMAN GODS: Bacchus: Lord of Ecstasy; Spirit.

ANIMALS, REAL & IMAGINARY: Sphinx, if Sworded & Crowned, as symbolizing the Quintessence.

PLANTS, REAL & IMAGINARY: Almond in flower: Connected with Aaron's Rod that budded. Almond is the proper wood for the wand of the White magician; that is, for one who truly wills to unite with the Highest.

PRECIOUS STONES: Black Diamond: the blackness of Akasha, Spirit; it is a compound of carbon, the basis of the living elements.

MAGICAL WEAPONS: The Winged Egg: Symbolical of the spiritualized phallic energy. The Egg is Akasha, the source of all creation. There are many equivalent symbols.

VEGETABLE DRUGS: Stramonium.

MAGICAL POWERS:
Invisibility.
Transformations.
Vision of the Genius.

LETTERS OF PENTAGRAMMATON: Shin.

ELEMENTS & SENSES: Spirit, Hearing.

4 QUARTERS: Center.

PARTS OF THE SOUL: YChIDH, Yechidah.

COURT CARDS OF TAROT, WITH SPHERES OF THEIR CELESTIAL DOMINION:

WANDS: The Root of the Powers of Fire (Ace).

CUPS: The Root of the Powers of Water (Ace).

WORDS: The Root of the Powers of Air (Ace).

DISKS: The Root of the Powers of Earth (Ace).

5 TATWAS: Akasha, the Black Egg.

NUMBER & TITLE OF TAROT TRUMP: 20. The Spirit of the Primal Fire. (Judgement)

THE HUMAN BODY: Organs of Intelligence.

LEGENDARY ORDERS OF BEINGS: Socratic Genius.

TYPICAL DISEASES: Death (full insanity).

RESH (Sun)

HEBREW & ENGLISH NAME: RISH, (רִשׁ) Resh, “head” (“In the Sun is the Secret of the Spirit”). The head (specifically the face) of man or woman; the Divine Countenance anthropomorphized onto the Sun. The head is the seat of consciousness, intelligence and illumination. “At the head” = the chief or guiding power.

The shape of the letter depicts a head reversed. The seat of the human consciousness, which is solar (pertaining to Tiphareth), is in the head. In shape it is merely a big Yod, implying the brain as the expansion of the spermatozoon.

GOD-NAME IN ASSIAH: ALH, (אֵלֹהִים) *Eloah*.

THE HEAVENS OF ASSIAH: ShMSh, (שֶׁמֶשׁ) *Shemesh*, Sol.

MYSTIC #: 465

TREE OF LIFE: Path joins Yesod to Hod. Illuminating clarity penetrates the clouds of illusion. Mastery of emotions admits a blazing lucidity. “The Vision of Splendor.”

PATHS OF SEPHER YETZIRAH: Collective Consciousness, because astrologers deduce from it the judgment of the stars and celestial signs, and perfect their science, according to the motions of the stars.

TAROT ATTRIBUTIONS: 19, The Sun.

KING COLOR SCALE: Orange: the intense but gross physical vibration of animal life.

QUEEN COLOR SCALE: Gold yellow: the apparent color of the Sun, and of the metal gold.

EMPEROR COLOR SCALE: Rich amber.

EMPRESS COLOR SCALE: Amber, rayed red: The perfection of the Sun is its fixation in the amber of Cancer by elevation at the summer solstice. In this it receives the adornment of pure physical energy, Fire. The red is purer than the orange, being of the incorruptible element.

SELECTION OF EGYPTIAN GODS: Ra, and many others: Sun gods.

GREER GODS: Helios, Apollo: Sun gods.

ROMAN GODS:

Apollo: Sun god.

Ops: God of Wealth, which is solar.

ANIMALS, REAL & IMAGINARY:

Lion: the typically solar animal.

Sparrowhawk: solar as all-seeing.

Leopard: sacred to the Sun on account of its black spots.

PLANTS, REAL & IMAGINARY:

Sunflower, Laurel, Heliotrope: all obvious.

Nut: solar, as being a microcosm of Life, the fruit being also the seed.

Galangal: especially sacred to the Sun; of the ginger family.

PRECIOUS STONES: Crysoleth: a golden stone.

MAGICAL WEAPONS:

The Lamén: Representing the light of the human consciousness of the magician (in the heart, Tiphareth) to the spirit evoked. It is the magician's statement to the spirit of his intention towards it, of the formula which he intends to employ. It must in no wise be confused with the Pantacle, which is passive as the Lamén is active; the one represents the condition of things in general, the other, the magician's method of dealing with that condition.

Bow and Arrow: traditional weapons of Apollo.

PERFUMES:

Olibanum: The correctness of this should be intuitively perceived at once by every magician. Olibanum possesses a comprehensive catholic quality such as no other incense can boast.

Cinnamon: The appearance is decidedly solar. Any martial element therein is not confirmed by the perfume, which resembles that of a hot summer day, in the opinion of many sensitives. It is also solar on account of its cordial and carminative properties.

All Glorious Odours: "Glorious" is the prime epithet of the external character of Sol; by "glorious odours" are meant those which arouse in the percipient sensations of enjoyment of well-being, with possibly the influx of a certain quality of pride.

VEGETABLE DRUGS: Alcohol.

MAGICAL POWERS:

The Red Tincture.

Power of Acquiring Wealth.

PLANET AND NUMBER: Sun, 6

INTELLIGENCE OF PLANET: NRIAL, Nakiel.

SPIRIT OF PLANET: SVRTh, Sorath.

METAL: Gold.

HEBREW LETTER & NUMERICAL VALUE: Resh, 200.

NUMBER & TITLE OF TAROT TRUMP: 19. The Lord of the Fire of the World (The Sun)

ESOTERIC DESIGN OF TAROT TRUMP: The Sun. Below is a wall, in front of which, in a fairy ring, two children wantonly and shamelessly embrace.

THE HUMAN BODY: Circulatory system.

LEGENDARY ORDERS OF BEINGS: Will o' the Wisp.

TYPICAL DISEASES: Repletion.

MAGICAL FORMULAE: IAO:INRI